Reconciriation among Different Tamil Groups in Sri Lanka

100. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister Of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what success wag achieved in India's efforts at bringing about a reconciliation, among different Tamil groups in Sri Lanka and to stop fratricide amongst the Tamil factions in that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): Shri M. Karunanidhi, as a respected Tamil leader, was requested, early in December, to make efforts to bring Sri Lankan Tamil Groups together in a non-partisan manner, to prevent internecine fighting among them. These talks did not result in a definitive outcome. However, after the de-induction of the IPKM, there has not been any significant violence between different Tamil groups in Sri Lanka.

Freedom Fighters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

107. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that freedom fighters who liberated Dadra and Nagar Haveli are proposed to be honoured with Central Pension;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasofes therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The last date for receipt Of applications for grant of pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 was 31-3-1982: This Ministry have not receives any application from freedom fighters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Telecasting the Programme Today to Legislature" from Doordarhan Kendras at State Capitals

life. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the» Ministerof.INFORMATION AND BROADCASTtNG be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pro-gramnie Today in Legislature" on tie line of 'Today in Parliament' would be telecast from the Doordarehan Kendras at State Capitals where all facilities are availabl*;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Some Doordarshan Kendras are doing programme such as "Today in Legislature" /"This Week in Legislature", etc. However, due to constraint of studio facilities and manpower, it is not possible to telecast presently such a programme from all thE State capitals. However, Assembly proceedings are also covered in the regional news bulletins put out by regional Doordarshan Kendras.

Nepalese PMs Message to India's p'M on Bilateral Relations

109. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Nepal has sent a message to the Prime Minister of India expressing his desire for improving indo-Nepal relations and to find out solution of probteme between the two countries; and